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SUBJECT: TWO GN SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN ATTACK

1. TWO NATIONAL GUARDSMEN WERE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED ON 18 AUGUST AS A RESULT OF BOMB EXPLOSIONS. CAPTAIN HARRY GOMEZ, INSPECTOR OF POLICE, AND ENLISTED MAN, ANDRES TELLEZ ARE BEING TREATED IN THE MILITARY HOSPITAL. GOMEZ SUFFERED RUPTURES OF HIS EARDRUMS--LEAVING HIM DEAF-- AND OTHER WOUNDS. TELLEZ SUFFERED CUTS IN HIS LEFT EYE, BURNS ON HIS LEFT HAND AND OTHER WOUNDS.

2. REPORTS OF NOVEDADES AND LA PRENSA DIFFER SOMEWHAT ON DETAILS. THE GN PATROL BEING LED BY GOMEZ, ACCORDING TO NOVEDADES, WAS PATROLLING THE AREA AROUND LUIS SOMOZA SCHOOL WHEN A GROUP OF "PSEUDOSTUDENTS" THREW CONTACT BOMBS WHICH INFLECTED THE WOUNDS AND BURNED THE FABRIC TOP OF THE JEEP. NOVEDADES ADDS THAT THE PATROL DID NOT PURSUE ITS ATTACKERS ONTO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS. LA PRENSA CONTENDS THAT SOME "UNIDENTIFIED YOUTHS" THREW BOMBS ONLY AFTER THE GN HAD FIRED SHOTS AND THROWN TEAR GAS GRENADES.

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3. COMMENT: THE DAILY CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN STUDENTS AND GN APPEAR TO BE INCREASINGLY VIOLENT LATELY. STUDENT MILITANCE CONTINUES TO BE A NATION-WIDE PHENOMENON RESULTING IN CONTINUOUS PRESSURE BEING PLACED ON THE GN. THE FACT THAT LA PRENSA DOES NOT ACCUSE THE GN OF ENTERING SCHOOL GROUNDS PROBABLY

CONFIRMS THAT PART OF THE NOVEDADES VERSION--INDICATING
THAT THE GN HAS INSTRUCTIONS TO EXERCISE RETRAINT IN
RESPONDING TO SUCH INKICENTS. HOWEVER, VIOLENT
CONFRONTATIONS CONTINUE.
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